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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56. A copy of each of the listed documents is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or is considered to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a *prima facie* prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

CONCISE EXPLANATION OF
RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1-A4 were cited in the International Search Report of Applicants' International Application No. PCT/DE97/03015. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached. Document A4 was also cited in the specification.

Document A5 was cited in the International Preliminary Examination Report of Applicants' International Application. An English translation is not readily available; however, the absence of such translation does not relieve the PTO from its duty to consider the submitted document (37 CFR §1.98 and MPEP §609). An English abstract is attached.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(b) prior to the mailing date of the first official action.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

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